AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Original) A process for making flavored carbon particles, the process comprising:

(i) introducing activated carbon particles into a vessel;

(ii) introducing a fluidizing gas into the vessel so as to fluidize the activated carbon particles; and

(iii) introducing a liquid flavorant into the vessel while the activated carbon particles are in a fluidized state, the liquid flavorant being absorbed and/or adsorbed onto the activated carbon particles.

Claim 2 (Original) The process of Claim 1, wherein the process is carried out in a batch or continuous manner to provide 0.1 to 20% by weight of flavorant on the activated carbon particles.

Claim 3 (Currently amended) ~~The process of Claim 2,~~ A process for making flavored carbon particles, comprising:

(i) introducing activated carbon particles into a vessel;

(ii) introducing a fluidizing gas into the vessel so as to fluidize the activated carbon particles; and

(iii) introducing a liquid flavorant into the vessel while the activated carbon particles are in a fluidized state, the liquid flavorant being absorbed and/or adsorbed onto the activated carbon particles;

wherein the process is carried out in a batch manner without heating the activated carbon particles while in the fluidized state.

Claim 4 (Currently amended) ~~The process of Claim 2,~~ A process for making flavored carbon particles, comprising:

(i) introducing activated carbon particles into a vessel;

(ii) introducing a fluidizing gas into the vessel so as to fluidize the activated carbon particles; and

(iii) introducing a liquid flavorant into the vessel while the activated carbon particles are in a fluidized state, the liquid flavorant being absorbed and/or adsorbed onto the activated carbon particles;

wherein the process is carried out in a continuous manner without heating the activated carbon particles, the vessel containing a plurality of compartments through which the activated carbon particles ~~passes~~ pass sequentially while in the fluidized state.

Claim 5 (Original) The process of Claim 1, wherein the activated carbon has an average particle size from about 10 mesh to about 70 mesh.

Claim 6 (Original) The process of Claim 1, wherein the activated carbon has an average particle size from about 0.2 mm to about 1 mm.

Claim 7 (Original) The process of Claim 1, wherein the fluidizing gas is nitrogen.

Claim 8 (Original) The process of Claim 1, wherein the vessel includes a gas exhaust conduit separated from the interior of the vessel by a filter, the process including periodic blowback of gas through the filter to clean activated carbon particles from the filter.

Claim 9 (Original) The process of Claim 1, wherein the process is carried out for 10 to 60 minutes.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn) A cigarette comprising the flavored carbon produced according to the process of claim 1.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn) The cigarette of Claim 10, wherein the flavored carbon is dispersed in smoking material.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn) The cigarette of Claim 10, wherein the activated carbon comprises at least about 80% micropores.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn) The cigarette of Claim 10, wherein the flavored carbon has an average particle size from about 10 mesh to about 20 mesh.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn) The cigarette of Claim 10, wherein the flavored carbon has an average particle size from about 0.2 mm to about 1 mm.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn) The cigarette of Claim 10, comprising from about 10 mg to about 200 mg of the flavored carbon.

Claim 16 (Original) A method of making a cigarette filter, said method comprising:

(i) providing flavored carbon produced according to the process of Claim 1, and

(ii) incorporating the flavored carbon into a cigarette filter.

Claim 17 (Original) A method of making a cigarette, said method comprising:

(i) providing a cut filler to a cigarette making machine to form a tobacco rod;

(ii) placing a paper wrapper around the tobacco rod;

(iii) providing a cigarette filter according to Claim 16; and

(iv) attaching the cigarette filter to the tobacco rod to form the cigarette.

Claim 18 (New) The process of Claim 1, wherein the carbon particles are at a temperature of from 40°F to 70°F while in the fluidized state.

Claim 19 (New) The process of Claim 3, wherein the process provides 0.1 to 20% by weight of flavorant on the activated carbon particles.

Claim 20 (New) The process of Claim 3, wherein the carbon particles are at a temperature of from 40°F to 70°F while in the fluidized state.

Claim 21 (New) The process of Claim 4, wherein the process provides 0.1 to 20% by weight of flavorant on the activated carbon particles.

Claim 22 (New) The process of Claim 4, wherein the carbon particles are at a temperature of from 40°F to 70°F while in the fluidized state.